

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 24, 2003

IN RE:)	
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PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A)	DOCKET NO.
COLLOCATION AGREEMENT)	03-00443
NEGOTIATED BY BELL SOUTH)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)	
TENNESSEE INDEPENDENT)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC)	
D/B/A IRIS NETWORKS)	

ORDER HOLDING DOCKET IN ABEYANCE

This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Pat Miller and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 10, 2003, to consider, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252, the Petition for approval of the collocation agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Tennessee Independent Telecommunications Group, LLC d/b/a Iris Networks ("Iris Networks"), filed on July 18, 2003.

Background

This matter was previously scheduled for consideration by the voting panel in this docket at the Authority's October 6, 2003 Conference. At the request of the parties, the item was removed from the October 6, 2003 Authority Conference pending resolution of Iris Networks' compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201, which requires an entity to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") in Tennessee before providing


telecommunications services.¹ To facilitate resolution of this issue, the parties agreed to waive the ninety-day time frame for action to be taken by the Authority, as set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, regarding consideration of the collocation agreement filed in this docket.² Iris Networks filed a Petition for a CCN on November 3, 2003.³

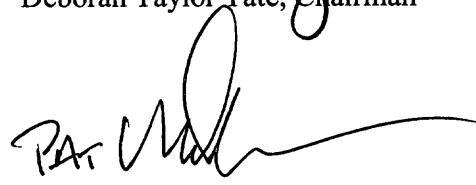
The November 10, 2003 Authority Conference

At a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 10, 2003, the panel voted unanimously to hold Docket No. 03-00443 in abeyance pending the resolution of Docket No. 03-00581.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

Docket No. 03-00443 shall be held in abeyance pending the Authority's resolution of Docket No. 03-00581.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman


Pat Miller, Director


Sara Kyle, Director

¹ Letter to Richard Collier, General Counsel for the TRA, from D. Billye Sanders, Attorney for Iris Networks, Docket No. 03-00443 (October 2, 2003).

² *Id.*

³ See *In re: Petition of Tennessee Independent Telecommunications Group, LLC d/b/a Iris Networks for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Provide Telecommunications Services within the State of Tennessee and Approval of Franchise with the City of Knoxville*, Docket No. 03-00581 (November 3, 2003).